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FROM: Chief of Station, Karlsruhe *effe*

SUBJECT: GENERAL - Operational
SPECIFIC - UJ DRIFTER, Knowledge of Intelligence Operations
in Rumania-Austria

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1. For some unknown reason UJ DRIFTER seems to have unburdened his soul to USAGE about his knowledge of local intelligence personalities and operations. Whether this occurred at one time or is an accumulation by USAGE over a period of time is unknown. So, in many cases, is UJ DRIFTER's source. Undoubtedly much of it stems from the local coffeeshops, but where the source is known it is so indicated. There is such a wide variety of scattered bits of information that it was not considered feasible to pouch each item separately. The information as such is very largely known to us, but the value of the report may lie in its disclosing to us the extent of UJ DRIFTER's penetration of other operations in which we may have interest.

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2. UJ DRIFTER reports that COICARU, Iosif, a Rumanian engineer, is the SIMA representative in Linz. He is further alleged to have penetrated the Austrian Auslaenderpolizei Linz, and informs SIMA of any new Rumanian registrants in the Linz area. (COICARU may be identical with BOICARU, Petre, mentioned in the HANNES case. Para 11 of the attachment to MOI-A-171.)

3. UJ DRIFTER believes that (Father) Florian MUELLER is in contact with Kurt MUMER through Walter POPAN, and states that MUELLER often uses an Austrian citizen MESA, fmu. or GRESER, fmu. residing in Gras as a liaison between MUELLER and POPAN. UJ DRIFTER allegedly got this information from one (Father) MUEL, fmu., a Rumanian refugee priest at Gras. UJ DRIFTER is of the opinion that POPAN has currently two or three active collaborators in Bucharest.

Para 4
4. UJ DRIFTER provides information that TANNASSE, Nicolas, who he states was for years a successful Rumanian agent for the FIB, is in close contact with OPRAN, fmu. TANNASSE allegedly recently approached Eric BRENNMAYER with a proposition for collaboration in intelligence. Details are unknown. TANNASSE is also allegedly in contact with an Austrian by the name of WERNINGER, fmu., who provides internal Austrian information.

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5. UJ DRIFTER states that CONSTANTINESCU, Titi, originally had a number of collaborators within Rumania. Some of these were imprisoned, others fled, and some that remained were contacted by SCITU, Constantin, and taken over by Ernest SCHLADT and Mircea POPA, both acting for AUNER. Still another group became connected with TANTARCRANU who UJ DRIFTER states works for the CIC Trieste and is also in direct contact with TANMASSE and OPRAN.

6. Mircea POPA, alias VANULESCU, Irm, allegedly had lost two men arrested in Rumania in the spring of 1950. He is not believed by UJ DRIFTER to have any further direct connections in Rumania.

7. Vassile NAILAT, a collaborator of AUNER and SIMA, lost a large number of bodies in Rumania over the past three years, and UJ DRIFTER says that with the exception of a few connections still remaining in the Banat at Fieesti and Cluj, the SIMA group is largely non-existent.

8. AUNER is maintaining a live contact with Bucharest with one LICHTENBERG, Irm, and KUEHLER, Herbert (almost certainly identical with the person mentioned in para 7, FGL-1-2877). UJ DRIFTER states that KUEHLER, whose present whereabouts is unknown, was physically in Rumania until at least early 1949, where he was in possession of three Wehrmacht radio sets. LICHTENBERG is allegedly a Jewish merchant with a firm in Vienna, who buys and ships chemicals and other raw materials to Rumania.

9. UJ DRIFTER states that the only live courier lines now operated by the AUNER group are through the KUEHLER-LICHTENBERG connection and couriers employed by POPAN, taken from the Italian Foreign Office Courier Staff.

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